

SENATE BILL 414

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1314, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Except as provided in § 39-17-1311(d), which allows counties and municipalities to prohibit the possession of handguns while within or on a public park that is owned or operated by a county, a municipality or instrumentality thereof, no city, county, or metropolitan government shall occupy any part of the field of regulation of the transfer, ownership, possession or transportation of firearms, ammunition or components of firearms or combinations thereof; provided, that this section shall be prospective only and shall not affect the validity of any ordinance or resolution lawfully enacted before April 8, 1986.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) Except as provided by subdivision (e)(2), the legislative body of any municipality or committee appointed by the body to regulate public recreational property, may exempt public recreational property located within its jurisdiction from the requirements of subdivision (c)(1). However, any time the posting provided in subdivision (c)(1) is used the requirements of subdivision (c)(2) shall apply.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(g), is amended in the third sentence by deleting the language "municipality or instrumentality thereof, the greenway"

and by substituting instead the language "municipality or instrumentality thereof, that portion of the greenway".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(d), is amended by adding the following language to the end thereto:

Except as provided in subsection (g), this subsection (d) shall not apply to any natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway or other such public place.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.